



Working with our
life sciences &
chemistry team

About Mathys & Squire

Dedicated to protecting and defending your future.

Mathys & Squire is an intellectual property (IP) powerhouse that puts its specialist knowledge to work for clients, to strengthen and secure what most modern businesses today treat as one of their most valuable strategic assets - intellectual property.

The firm's agile teams of attorneys, scientists and strategists are steeped in experience, working with IP-rich and high-growth industries to leverage complex technologies and sophisticated commercial models across a broad range of industry sectors.

A full-service IP firm, Mathys & Squire has unrivalled expertise in patents, trade marks, design protection and litigation. Highly ranked in leading legal and IP directories, and leading the field with insight, innovation and quality, Mathys & Squire celebrated its 115th Anniversary in 2025, testament to its proven track record in the protection and commercialisation of IP rights.

The firm has a broad spread of clients, ranging from start-ups to major UK and global corporations, many of which are household names. Clients of the firm value its commitment to professional excellence and technical expertise.

Mathys & Squire has over 100 attorneys (both training and qualified) and a dedicated IP consulting team across offices in London, Birmingham, Cambridge, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Luxembourg, Munich and Paris, as well as teams based in China and Japan. The firm's attorneys and trainees have a mix of scientific degrees extending from chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacology, genetics, microbiology, plant sciences and zoology through to physics, electronics, telecommunications and engineering.

We are passionate about creating and delivering innovative, high-quality, client-focused services and building close and longstanding relationships with clients in order to establish defensive and offensive IP portfolios that generate commercial value. We are proactive when working with clients and valued for our integrity, honesty and collegiate approach.

We protect, so that you can invent the future.



Our life sciences & chemistry team

Our life sciences & chemistry team is one of the leading practices in the sector. Our team has unparalleled expertise in this area and works with a range of clients, from universities through to global corporations.

Technical expertise

We have significant technical expertise; most of the members of our team have advanced academic degrees, including PhDs, and many have direct in-house experience.

We draft, prosecute and defend patent and SPC cases directed to a range of different technologies, including new chemical entities, peptide and antibody therapeutics, gene therapy, diagnostics and biomarkers, vaccines, stem cell technology, pharmaceutical formulations, drug delivery systems, polymorphs, salts, new medical uses, medical devices, dosage regimes, food sciences, and process chemistry.

We handle cases in a range of clinical fields, including oncology, neuroscience, immunology, inflammatory diseases and infectious diseases.

Intellectual property expertise

Our life sciences & chemistry team has expertise in all areas of IP counseling, including patent drafting and prosecution; patent opposition and appeal proceedings; SPCs and patent term extensions; patent and SPC litigation; regulatory issues (including regulatory data protection and orphan drug legislation); freedom to operate opinions; due diligence exercises; and transactional matters.

The firm is also experienced in handling trade mark, copyright and design matters on behalf of clients in the life sciences sector. The firm handles litigious matters before the UK Intellectual Property Enterprise Court (IPEC), and we have attorneys qualified to litigate before the UK Patents Court and the Unitary Patent Court. We also have considerable expertise in negotiating successful outcomes and in mediation.

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Opposition expertise

Notably, we have one of the leading opposition and appeal practices before the European Patent Office. We have an impressive success rate and are frequently retained by pharmaceutical innovator companies to defend European patents directed to key pharmaceutical products. Often, our work in Europe is in the context of international patent litigation, and we are skilled in coordinating and working with litigators in Europe and other jurisdictions, including the US, Japan and Canada.

Examples of patent defences handled by our life sciences team include defences of patents directed to the following products:

adalimumab (Humira®)
bortezomib (Velcade®)
cabozantinib (Cabometyx®)
desloratidine (Clarinex®)
eculizumab (Soliris®)
eliglustat (Cerdelga®)
fosamprenavir (Telzir®)
ibrutinib (Imbruvica®)
interferon beta (Avonex®)
ixazomib (Ninlaro®)
linacotide (Constella®)
lomitapide (Lojuxta®)
recombinant factor VIII (Eloctate®)
recombinant factor IX (Alprolix®)
temozolomide (Temedar®)
trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla®)
Uracil-Specific Excision Reagent (USER®)

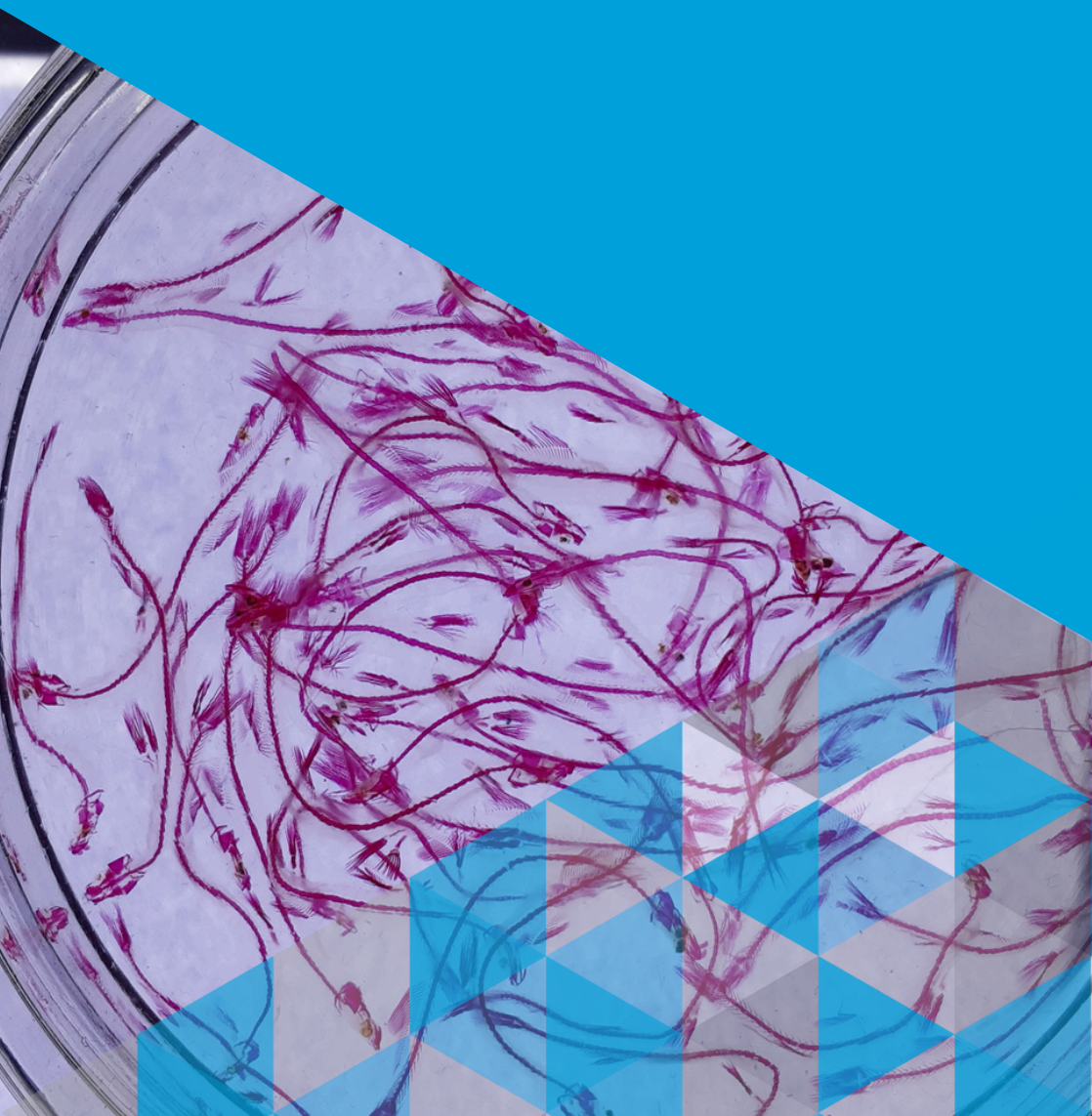
Our clients

Our clients include some of the world's leading life sciences & chemistry companies. We develop strong relationships with our clients and an in-depth knowledge of our clients' products and IP portfolios. We often work directly with in-house counsel and scientists to identify, protect and defend valuable IP in Europe and elsewhere.

Our ethos is clear - we believe that effective systems for protecting IP are essential so that innovators can be properly rewarded. Our clients become successful by recognising the opportunities and risks of IP and following a well thought out IP strategy. We become part of that success by developing excellence; instilling a culture of creativity, innovation and adding value for all our clients.

Representative clients in the life sciences & chemistry sector include: AAK, Abbott, AbbVie, Alexion, AstraZeneca, Biogen, Bristol-Myers Squibb, BP, Bioverativ, Genzyme, Immunogen, Ipsen Bioinnovation, Magenta Therapeutics, MedImmune, Merck & Co., Moderna Inc., Molecular Templates, Inc., New England Biolabs, Inc., Novartis, UK Health Security Agency, Sanofi and Takeda.

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Client testimonials

Our understanding of our clients' objectives combined with experience and an unparalleled strategic skillset, ensures the strongest team possible in advancing our clients' cases.

"I have worked with our Mathys & Squire attorney for many years and regard him and his team as trusted advisors. The team has a depth of technical, prosecution, and opposition experience that I can rely on. I have not found any scientific area of focus where he and his team aren't comfortable. The Mathys & Squire team do excellent legal work for us and are always on the lookout for information that will help further our understanding of European legal issues."

Moderna

"The team that my colleagues and I have worked with has an almost visionary approach to the patenting process. Like many other IP firms they bring considerable technical ability, diligence and expertise, but it is their meticulousness, forward thinking, and strategic vision that really makes them stand out from others."

Moderna

"We have a great relationship with our attorneys at Mathys & Squire. They are very responsive to our needs and we would always go to them for life science matters in Europe. They are technically competent and are excellent at meeting deadlines. Mathys & Squire open doors for us and we do the same for them. Our two firms have a similar approach to the practice of law and we have great synergy. When we have any questions about European practice or need a second opinion, we will communicate directly. This communication goes above and beyond the norm and is very, very important to us. We really appreciate this part of the relationship."

US law firm





